

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7, 8, 10 and 17-19, rewrite claims 15 and 16 and add new claims 20-29, as follows:

1.-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) A symmetrical hose coupling for large volume hoses having a diameter in the range of several hundred millimeters comprising a pair of like coupling members, each of the coupling members having a cylindrical hose attachment connector and a cam ring integrally formed in one piece with the cylindrical hose attachment connector, said connector having an outside diameter, the cam ring having ~~a plurality of~~ twelve cams integrally formed in one piece with the cam ring, said cams being arranged ~~on~~ about the periphery of the cam ring and projecting from the cam ring in a radial direction, said cams having a radial width and projecting with their radial width beyond the outside diameter of the cylindrical hose attachment connector for defining the largest outside diameter of said coupling which is larger than the outside diameter of said connector by the radial width dimension of the cams, said cams being hook-shaped in a tangential direction of the cam ring and each having a radial surface area for transmitting an axial force, and the cams of the coupling members engaging into each other during coupling such that the radial surface areas engage behind each other.
16. (Currently amended) A symmetrical hose coupling for large volume hoses having a diameter in the range of several hundred millimeters comprising a pair of like coupling members, each of the coupling members having a cylindrical hose attachment connector and a cam ring integrally formed in one piece with the cylindrical hose attachment connector, said cam ring having an end surface and a peripheral surface, said connector having an outside diameter, the cam ring having ~~a plurality of~~ twelve cams integrally formed in one piece with the cam ring, said cams being ~~and~~ arranged ~~on~~ about the

periphery of the cam ring, said cams having an axial end face, said cams being hook-shaped in a tangential direction of the cam ring and each having a radial surface area for transmitting an axial force, and the cams of the coupling members engaging into each other during coupling such that the radial surface areas engage behind each other and such that the axial end face of the cams of one coupling member remain free in the axial direction and do not lie opposed to a surface of the cams or the cam ring of the other coupling member.

17.-19. (Canceled)

20. (New) A symmetrical hose coupling for large volume hoses having a diameter in the range of several hundred millimeters comprising a pair of like coupling members, each of the coupling members having a cylindrical hose attachment connector and a cam ring integrally formed in one piece with the cylindrical hose attachment connector, said connector having an outside diameter, the cam ring having a plurality of cams integrally formed in one piece with the cam ring, said cams being arranged about the periphery of the cam ring and projecting from the cam ring in a radial direction, said cams having a radial width and projecting with their radial width beyond the outside diameter of the cylindrical hose attachment connector for defining the largest outside diameter of said coupling which is larger than the outside diameter of said connector by the radial width dimension of the cams,

wherein the cams project radially from the cam ring to form a sloped outer surface extending from the outer diameter of the cylindrical hose attachment connector to the largest outer diameter of the coupling,

said cams being hook-shaped in a tangential direction of the cam ring and each having a radial surface area for transmitting an axial force, and the cams of the

coupling members engaging into each other during coupling such that the radial surface areas engage behind each other.

21. (New) A symmetrical hose coupling for large volume hoses having a diameter in the range of several hundred millimeters comprising a pair of like coupling members, each of the coupling members having a cylindrical hose attachment connector and a cam ring integrally formed in one piece with the cylindrical hose attachment connector, said cam ring having an end surface and a peripheral surface, said connector having an outside diameter, the cam ring having a plurality of cams integrally formed in one piece with the cam ring, said cams being arranged about the periphery of the cam ring,

wherein the cams project radially from the cam ring to form a sloped outer surface of the cams extending from the outer diameter of the cylindrical hose attachment connector to the largest outer diameter of the coupling,

said cams having an axial end face, said cams being hook-shaped in a tangential direction of the cam ring and each having a radial surface area for transmitting an axial force, and the cams of the coupling members engaging into each other during coupling such that the radial surface areas engage behind each other and such that the axial end face of the cams of one coupling member remain free in the axial direction and do not lie opposed to a surface of the cams or the cam ring of the other coupling member.

22. (New) The hose coupling of claim 15, wherein the cylindrical hose attachment connector is adapted to connect a hose with an inner diameter of about 305 millimeter.
23. (New) The hose coupling of claim 16, wherein the cylindrical hose attachment connector is adapted to connect a hose with an inner diameter of about 305 millimeter.

24. (New) The hose coupling of claim 20, wherein the cam ring has twelve cams and cylindrical hose attachment connector is adapted to connect a hose with an inner diameter of about 305 millimeter.
25. (New) The hose coupling of claim 21, wherein the cam ring has twelve cams and cylindrical hose attachment connector is adapted to connect a hose with an inner diameter of about 305 millimeter.
26. (New) The hose coupling of claim 15, further including a locking mechanism comprising a spring-loaded pin arranged to reach into a gap between two adjacent cams, when the coupling members are assembled, to block the cams against reverse rotation.
27. (New) The hose coupling of claim 16, further including a locking mechanism comprising a spring-loaded pin arranged to reach into a gap between two adjacent cams, when the coupling members are assembled, to block the cams against reverse rotation.
28. (New) The hose coupling of claim 15, further including a locking mechanism comprising a leaf spring attached on a head end of one cam and a spacer attached to the free end of the leaf spring, the spacer arranged to enter a gap between two adjacent cams, when the coupling members are assembled.
29. (New) The hose coupling of claim 16, further including a locking mechanism comprising a leaf spring attached on a head end of one cam and a spacer attached to the free end of the leaf spring, the spacer arranged to enter a gap between two adjacent cams, when the coupling members are assembled.